

INDIANA DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

COMMITTEE MEETING

September 4, 2007

The IDACS Committee met on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Police District #52 with the following members in attendance:

Major John Clawson
Major Doug Shelton
Chief Timothy Viles
Captain Michael White
Lieutenant Mark Carnell
Angela Ferguson
Don Kottowski

Brian Maxwell
Vivian Nowaczewski
D. Michael Paxton
Mary Ellen Scheiber
John Wall
Ken Wilson

Advisory members present:

Sergeant John Richards
Senior Trooper Brian Millard
Senior Trooper Eric Garceau

OPENING COMMENTS

Chairman John Clawson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the NCIC Audit during the first week of October and a Technical Audit as well.

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2007 MEETING

There were no corrections or additions made to the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by John Wall and seconded by Captain White that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

(BMV/STARS Update)

Michael Paxton gave an update on the BMV/STARS Project. He has been working with Jack Evans, the Project Manager, on a problem with renewals and registration transfers; both vehicles show up. They are also working on a problem with driver's license with a CDL showing suspended, but not the driver's license being suspended; or the driver's license showing suspended and not a CDL license.

(Open Fox Update)

This is the Message Switch hardware and software upgrade by CPI. We received the new Servers last week and have them operating. The system cut-over will be next Thursday, September 13th starting around 9:00 a.m. and could last until 12:00 Noon. During this period, there will be no service whatsoever. Agencies can try around 11:00 a.m. to see if the service is up and running.

(Update on Omnixx Upgrade)

We are able to do some testing now on Omnixx. Unfortunately, Datamaxx lost User ID's out of the system. They are making an attempt to correct the situation. We will see how it fares out in the field.

Andre' Clark wanted to make sure everyone is aware it is not our fault the upgrade is not completed yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Clawson introduced Lieutenant Mark A. Carnell as the new Legal Advisor to the IDACS Committee Board. Mr. Carnell is assigned to the Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Enforcement at headquarters, and we are glad to have him aboard.

The Chairman also introduced and welcomed Ms. Angela Ferguson, the new Area I Representative. Ms. Ferguson works for the Lafayette Police Department.

IDACS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

New Agencies/Additional Terminals Approved

There were four (4) new Terminal Agencies and eleven (11) Mobile Data Agencies approved to go on the system since the last meeting. In keeping with our new procedures, we will no longer list additional terminals approved for existing terminal agencies.

Terminal Operators Approved

After receiving favorable recommendation from the System Coordinator, the Chairman approved twenty-five (25) IDACS operators with an arrest record. The decision was based on there being no felony convictions.

IDACS Coordinator Report

Vivian Nowaczewski reported we lost two (2) IDACS Trainers, Travis Hueston and Tracey Matson, at almost the same time which has left us short-handed. Please bear with us while we get these positions filled and the new IDACS Trainers trained enough to conduct classes on their own.

IDACS Security Officer's Reports

Sgt. John Richards – He had issued two (2) Notices of Violation to New Whiteland Police Department and the Gas City Police Department. Both were for lack of documentation.

Sr. Trooper Brian Millard – He also had issued two (2) Notices of Violation to Cass County Sheriff's Department and Logansport Police Department. Both of these were for lack of documentation and excessive delays.

Sr. Trooper Eric Garceau – No Notices of Violation had been issued by him, but he issued some verbal warnings.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Area I Angela Ferguson – Vivian Nowaczewski presided over the last Area I meeting and Ms. Ferguson was elected as the new Area I Representative. There was a discussion about the projects with JTAC and a reminder given to the agencies about system diagrams that need upgraded to be submitted to IDACS and also any Agency Terminal Agreements that have not been submitted yet, need to be sent.

Area II Mary Ellen Scheiber – On August 28th; they had an Area II meeting at Randolph County with a carry-in picnic with hotdogs and hamburgers. There were nineteen (19) attendees from twelve (12) agencies. They also held their election and Melissa Farthing from Huntington County Sheriff's office was elected as the new Area II Representative.

Area III Brian Maxwell – Mr. Maxwell announced their next meeting will be held Friday, September 28th at the West Baden Springs Hotel.

Area IV John Wall – Mr. Wall stated their Fall meeting will be held October 26th at the Batesville Police Department.

Area V Ken Wilson – Their Fall meeting will be on Friday, September 14th at the IMPD Training Center.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chief Viles of Mooresville PD stated Homeland Security had contacted him regarding EMD Training for Dispatchers. He and Kelly Dignin, a trainer for the Communications Division, had a discussion about it and Kelly suggested Chief Viles call her and they can discuss the issue further.

Michael Paxton discussed network security and the need for written procedures. During the next year or so they will be compiling Security Procedures for IDACS in an SOP format.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The first question from the audience was about duplicate responses for the same plate when plates are to be unique.

The answer is, when new metal plates are issued it is possible the same number could be issued for the expiring year before the same number of the present year is expired. Verify the plate year before any enforcement action is taken. There should only be a small number of occurrences this year; it will be greater next year, as it will be a year for new metal plates.

Ken Wilson added that it has always been that way back to 1967. He thought the LIY field should have a year of expiration caveat for an explanation.

Another question was regarding the upgrade and if it will make the system any faster when it is completed?

Michael Paxton answered the upgrade will not necessarily look faster for several reasons:

1. The existing system is not at a capacity for the type of work done today. The purpose of the upgrade is to provide additional capacity for new functionality with Nlets, particularly image sharing with other states.
2. The network between our system and the user community is only 56Kbps, which makes it the slowest component in the system. Increase in capacity processing power will not necessarily be reflected in responses.

The last question was why are we not able to inquire on Dealer Plates?

Michael Paxton stated he has spoken to BMV and does not believe Dealer Plates are available in their system, but we are continuing to pressure them on the situation at BMV.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments, Michael Paxton made a motion to adjourn and Mary Ellen Scheiber seconded the motion. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 4, 2007, (10:00 a.m.) at the *Indianapolis State Police Post District #52, 8500 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN.*